

SCHEME TO ROB MUSEUM IS 'SCOTTED' BY THE OFFICIALS

Smithsonian Heads Laugh
at Story Told in
New York.

Officials of the Smithsonian Institution and the National Museum look at the published report of a plot to rob the cases of the Museum and the Bureau of Ethnology as a huge joke, and say such a coup is almost impossible.

Thomas Alexander, a porter in a drug store in New York, told the police there that a man had approached him with a scheme to rob the cases of the Museum and hold the plunder for a large reward, which the officials of the Museum would be sure to offer. According to Alexander, this man, a former employee of the Yale and Towne Lock Company, of Stamford, Conn., is in possession of master keys to the cases holding the valuable records and exhibits, and with the assistance of several men, who would merely stand around to shield him from the eyes of the guards, he was to open the cases.

Richard Rathburn, acting secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, and in charge of the National Museum, where all the valuable records are kept, laughed when told of the plot. "In the first place," said Mr. Rathburn, "it would be almost impossible to make away with anything in the building, on account of the excellent system of supervision we have, while to get at these articles by master keys is absurd. The cases in which the exhibits are kept are made by contract, and while the Yale people furnish us the lock, these locks are put on in the buildings, and none outside has the least idea on what cases they are put. We do not know ourselves when the locks are put on or what cases they are to be used for, and therefore, to have a master key to any particular case, or group of cases, is of no importance.

"There is no master key to all the cases, and these are held by master keys to any cases. These are held by the heads of departments. Should I want to get into all the cases I should be obliged to call in all the heads of departments, and have them labeled and indexed, and when they were all in, there would be a good sized army of men.

Mr. Rathburn says any articles taken would be of value to no one individually, and could be disposed of only to museums, where they could easily be traced. To get enough material to make such a proposition pay them making the robbery would have to obtain several wagon-loads of material in fact make away with a whole exhibit.

In the National Museum, where the most valuable articles are kept, there is a force of about fifty watchmen, the majority of whom are on duty at one time, so that the chances of getting away with anything of the kind are very remote. Not only do the museum authorities keep uniformed attendants constantly on duty, but there are several watchmen in plain clothes all over the building, and one never knows when one of these men is standing around or watching. Visitors to the building are made to check walking sticks, umbrellas, and bundles at the door when they enter, and no one may take a bundle out of the building without first accounting for it to the watchman at the door.

Another prominent official of the Smithsonian Institution scoffed at the idea of robbery, and said any one wishing to rob the museum could get at the curators and have them open the glass to the cases, but his chances of getting away or even getting the glass cut would be decidedly slim.

He pointed out that in the last ten years there have been but three important robberies from the museum, and in each case the robbers have been apprehended and the goods returned, and in every case the robber was safely lodged behind the bars to work out a penitentiary sentence.

Says Army Men Owe Country Four Years

General Wood's disapproval of the resignation of Second Lieutenant Stanley M. Rumbaugh, of the Fifteenth Cavalry, was primarily based upon his belief that all young officers should serve at least four years in the army after their graduation at West Point. He takes the view that they owe that much to their country for the education they have received.

The fact that this disapproval has interfered with the wedding plans of the young lieutenant who wants to marry Miss Colgate, a New York heiress, is purely incidental, so far as the War Department is concerned. The fact is, it was stated today, Rumbaugh can go ahead and marry any time he wants to, but he must remain in the army four years from graduation.

Will Be No Contest Over Freeman Estate

Justice Gould today, in the District Supreme Court, granted letters of administration to Mrs. Mary E. Freeman for the estate of her late husband, Joseph R. Freeman, the Thirtieth street florist. Her bond is fixed at \$15,000.

Three sons and a daughter of the florist joined in the proceedings in court today, indicating that a contest over the \$15,000 estate of their father will not occur.

Mr. Freeman attempted to make a last will and testament, but failed to have more than three witnesses sign the document, causing it to be of no effect.

Miss Clara Barton Not Seriously Ill

The condition of Miss Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross Society, who has been ill at her summer home in Oxford, Mass., for several days is not as serious as was first believed, according to advices received in Washington today. Her heart is somewhat weak, it is said, but otherwise her condition is normal.

According to dispatches received by Washington friends, Miss Barton's intellect never has been clearer, keener, or more alert.

Secretary Meyer on Way Back From Europe

Secretary of the Navy George von L. Meyer is on his way to the United States and is expected to land in this country on Saturday. The Dolphin has been ordered to meet him at New York.

As soon as the Secretary arrives he probably will go to the North Shore of Massachusetts to see his family before coming to Washington. He is, therefore, not expected to reach this city before the first of October.

SPEECH IS BLAMED FOR BOY'S MURDER

Physical Affliction of Little Harry Smith May Have Aroused His Slayer to Striking Him—Milano Expected to Make Statement.

(Continued from First Page.)

The little center table—the work of the hands of a little brother, a brother whose body lies blackened and craped. In weeping, in shrieks and prayers, the grief of the stricken mother and sister, at last spent itself, while the little white hearse—it was not the body of Harry Smith, but of a little chap who died farther down the street—passed on.

"Somebody's baby gone, too," said the mother, and in a moment of sympathy for some one else who had been bereaved, the woman became more calm. The story of the "red-headed man," named Rodgers, which Milano told the police when taken into custody yesterday, has also been disposed of. Milano said he had loaned the key to his shop to such a man Saturday night. The red-headed man is in reality a man named Kelly, who lives on Seventh street southwest, and who has not seen Milano for more than two years.

Italian Taunted.

The new witness found by the police this morning is Joseph DiMarco. He is an Italian boy, seventeen years old, and lives with his parents, at 48 H street northwest. He told Detective Armstrong that about 6:30 o'clock Saturday night, he and a companion were on the street near the corner of the grocery store across the street from Tony's shop. He says he noticed and remarked that Tony was excited. He further declares that the boys in the neighborhood had gazed and taunted the Italian until they had at last become afraid of him.

Boy Sent for Change.

She had not heard of the finding of the boy's body until the detective visited her today. She says that she has a small colico dog which she wished to sell, for she is about to leave this section. She declares that she took the dog to Schmidt's store on Twelfth street northwest to try to sell him, but that Mr. Schmidt did not want the dog and directed her to a dealer named Hollis on Louisiana avenue. Harry Smith was in Schmidt's store at the time.

Traced to Shop.

The police trace him to the door of Tony's shop, where they found that children had been taunting whoever with within. They argue that a man already enraged at repeated insults, might misunderstand the struggles of an afflicted boy to speak for grimmaces of insult, and in an ungovernable rage strike and strike harder than he intended. Then, they say, in the battered little lifeless body, they saw the effect of a blow in a room to await the destruction of an agency of an incendiary's torch, the chain of grim circumstance and tragic accident bore its fruit.

Parents of Victim Have Been Divorced Little Over a Year

Harry Smith, the fourteen-year-old murder victim, was the son of Harry Smith, an employee of the Treasury Department in the Life Saving Service at Atlantic City, and Mrs. Mattie Smith, nee McLaren.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been separated four years, and a little over a year ago Mrs. Smith obtained a divorce with the custody of her children and alimony from the courts of Green Bay, Wis.

The separation came when Mr. Smith was transferred from Green Bay to Atlantic City. Mrs. Smith left him at Philadelphia, and came to Washington to establish a home. After making a home, the children came to her one by one. There are two surviving children, a boy, aged two years and six months, and a girl, aged nineteen. May has been in delicate health for the last three years, and was too ill to go to the morgue with her mother and sister yesterday.

Boy Born in Virginia.

Harry, the murdered boy, was a twin born at Portsmouth, Va., June 5, 1898. His brother died shortly after birth, and Harry had always been delicate. Both Mrs. and Miss Smith asked today to have corrected the story printed this morning to the effect that the boy was simple-minded. "There was never a boy with a brighter brain than Harry," said Mrs. Smith. "He was very bright and intelligent and an able scholar. He was hindered, however, by the injury to his nose, that made it so difficult that many persons could not understand his pronunciation."

"Harry and myself were chums," Mrs. Smith said. "We always went about together, and he was my constant companion."

MILLIONS OF FOLKS USE ONLY CASCARETS

They never have Headache, Biliousness, Sluggish Liver or Bowels or a Sick, Sour Stomach.

No odds how bad your liver, stomach or bowels make you miserable and how miserable and uncomfortable you are from constipation, indigestion, biliousness and sluggish intestines—you always get the desired results with Cascarets and quickly too.

Don't let your stomach, liver and bowels make you miserable another moment; put an end to the headache, biliousness, dizziness, nervousness, sick, sour, gassy stomach, backache, and all other distress; cleanse your inside organs of all the poison and effete matter which is producing the misery.

Take a Cascaret now; don't wait until bed time. The work there is no remedy like this. A 10-cent box means health, happiness and a clear head for months. No more days of gloom and distress if you will take a Cascaret now and then. All druggists sell Cascarets. Don't forget the children—their little insides need a good, gentle cleansing, too.

Secretary Meyer on Way Back From Europe

Secretary of the Navy George von L. Meyer is on his way to the United States and is expected to land in this country on Saturday. The Dolphin has been ordered to meet him at New York.

As soon as the Secretary arrives he probably will go to the North Shore of Massachusetts to see his family before coming to Washington. He is, therefore, not expected to reach this city before the first of October.

panion. He worshiped his sisters, and was seldom away from home.

He did not sleep all night Saturday, but sat and watched his bed. I was in terror at his failure to come soon as he had never stayed out before. I felt that something had happened to him, but I fought this feeling off. When I saw the Times yesterday afternoon it was horror-stricken. The first thing that flashed on my mind was that it was my boy who had been stricken. I read the description in the paper and communicated with the police.

"Harry and myself were to make our first communion together in a few days," Mrs. Smith continued, "and we went to confession together last Tuesday night. For that I am thankful. Harry was a good boy, and I'm sure he never wronged anyone."

Mrs. Frances Hooper Describes Struggle Seen Through Window

Mrs. Frances Hooper, wife of Earl Hooper, of 408 H street, and a witness to part of the murder of Harry Smith, said:

"I happened to be just across the street from Tony's shop. I could make out through the window the form of a man who was a hammer used by the man. I could not say it was a girl or boy I could not say, but I saw the man hit at the person with what I thought was a stick. I then heard a scream. The Italian a few seconds later came to the window of his shop and seeing me across the street made a face at me.

"At the time of the happening there were two little girls on the same sidewalk who saw the scuffle, and the Italian came to the door and scared them away. I wish to correct the report that I said it was a hammer used by the man. I could not say it was a hammer, but, on the other hand, I think it was a stick. I paid no attention to the disturbance afterward, thinking perhaps that the Italian was whipping the man. After the scream all was quiet, and I just figured that he had hit his own child. I did not know a thing about the first until early the next morning."

Wife of Prisoner Says He Was Home Saturday Night

Antonietta Milano, wife of the Italian held in connection with the murder, says her husband is innocent of any of the charges.

When seen by a Times reporter and asked questions through an interpreter, Mrs. Milano said her husband was at home Saturday night at 11 o'clock and did not leave his house again until arrested yesterday. Concerning the theory that Milano sent his little daughter out for a gallon of coal-oil Saturday afternoon, which he is said to have used in starting the fire in his place, Mrs. Milano said the daughter was at home with her. The little girl in broken English denied that she went after the oil.

Motorman Johnson Blamed for Wreck

Blame for the rear-end collision between two cars of the Washington Railway and Electric on the Benning road Saturday night, when a score of persons were hurt, was placed on R. B. Johnson, motorman of the car, according to a statement given out this afternoon by H. W. Fuller, manager of the railroad.

Mr. Fuller said that the investigation of the wreck had been practically completed, and that he had learned from the witnesses that the car of the red front car went back 150 feet with a red lantern to flag the second car. He said Johnson told him he saw the light, but that it was too late to avoid a collision. E. D. Perkins, of 84 V street northwest, and G. L. Shaffer, of 314 Indiana avenue northwest, who were the most seriously hurt, were reported today to be recovering.

Trial of Policeman Is Again Postponed

Trial of Policeman C. W. Lippold, on the charge of unnecessarily using his revolver in making an arrest, was indefinitely continued by the police trial board today. Charles Mitchell, who it is alleged was the victim of the officer's bullet, is still confined in hospital.

The case was continued to await the recovery of Mitchell, which he may appear before the board. Attorney W. E. Ambrose represents Lippold.

Clara Barton Better.

OXFORD, Mass., Sept. 11.—It was reported today that Miss Clara Barton, head of the American Red Cross, was slightly better, and that the physicians have hopes for her ultimate recovery.

Builders

We will give you title to a lot to secure loan for building and allow a liberal discount from list price. Property is in desirable, convenient northwest section.

BOX 72.

\$75 FUNERAL

For a Complete \$150 We cut nothing but the price. If in need of our services telephone Lincoln 3464 or send messenger at our expense.

W. W. DEAL & CO.

Undertakers. 816 H STREET N. E. Expert Embalmers.

Stabs Wife Because She Wore His Shirt

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—Mrs. Sarah M. Tully, wife of Thomas Tully, a mechanic, was in a precarious condition in the Eastern District Hospital last night from five deep stab wounds in her left side, near the heart.

The attack on the woman early yesterday by her husband followed a quarrel, growing out of the fact that Mrs. Tully wore a blue shirt which belonged to her husband.

She was asleep when Tully returned home Saturday night. He woke his wife, and because she wasn't quick enough to explain why she wore the shirt he stabbed her with a knife. He was still slashing her and she was screaming when tenants in the house rushed in.

All Tully would say was that he was sorry he didn't have a revolver instead of a knife.

Hats and Mentality.

BOSTON, Sept. 11.—Improvement in the mentality of women, according to Dr. George M. Galvin, is due to the decrease in the weight of the head gear they wear.

Sailors' Goat Dead.

NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 11.—"Billy," the goat mascot of the battleship Louisiana, "admiral" by President Taft, Emperor William, and Czar Nicholas II, and others, is dead after two years in the navy.

Armed Farmers Seek Robbers in Ohio

TOLEDO, Ohio, Sept. 11.—Armed farmers searched hills and thickets of Columbiana county all day today in an unsuccessful effort to capture the two robbers who entered the home of H. K. Rhoades, of West Point, yesterday afternoon and beat his wife into insensibility.

The men made an attempt to board an interurban car, it is said, but were fired upon by a farmer. They made for a nearby wood. Bloodhounds tracked them to an abandoned mine four miles away and back to the track again. There the scent was lost.

The farmers are greatly aroused by the attack, and are baying for the blood of the two robbers are caught.

Brooklyn Scratcheth, For Fleas Visiteth

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—The wicked flea whom no man pursueth has descended upon Brooklyn. All Brooklyn seems to be able to do about it is to scratch. Every half dozen years or so, about the last of August or early in September, the city is visited by an unusual number of fleas. This is one of the years.

Last week fleas were reported in unusually aggravating numbers on Riverside drive, Manhattan. Now they have crossed the bridges and have seized upon Brooklynite Housekeepers whose memory goes back to the big flea plague in 1867, say this year's horde is almost as large and has quite as powerful teeth.

All Sales Advertised in Sunday's Papers for Monday Continued for Tuesday on Account of Today's Inclement Weather

\$1.50 Imperial Longcloth, 12 yard pieces, 95c

This is the genuine "Number 100" Imperial English Longcloth, a grade you are familiar with from long use.

Full 36 inches wide, soft chamamois finish quality. Each piece warranted to contain twelve yards. Sale price, 95c piece—regularly, \$1.50.

\$3 and \$3.50 Comforts \$1.95

25 dozen Extra Large Size Bed Comforts, covered with best quality sateen, in light and dark colors; scroll-stitched quilting, filled with pure white sheet cotton.

\$10.98

LARGEST ROOM SIZE BRUSSELS RUGS; 9x12 ft. and 8 ft. 3 by 10 ft. 6; some made in one piece, others with seamed center. All perfect in every way. Hartford and Alexander Smith makes. Choice of floral, medallion and conventional designs in various color combinations. Actually worth \$16.50 and \$18.00. Sale price...

Yard-Wide Satin Messalines Regular \$1.25 Quality at 69c Yard

Every follower of fashion knows just how popular these silks will be for the coming fall and winter season, and that emphasizes the importance of tomorrow's extraordinary low pricing.

These lovely soft, rich lustered Satin Messalines are extra heavy, firm quality, and all pure silk. Full 36 inches wide, too.

Choice of a complete assortment of the shades that will be in demand, including Alice, Copenhagen, Kingsblue, Ivory, Cream, Gray, Mauve, Copper, Light Blue, Pink, Old Rose, Ashes of Rose, Lavender, Reseda, Myrtle, Brown, Golden, Nile, also Black and White. Regular \$1.25 quality at 69c a yard.

\$1.19 "Wear Guaranteed" Black Taffeta Silk, 79c

Yard-wide Black Taffeta Silk—the famous "Pennant brand," extra fine heavy grade, with rich, brilliant luster. The maker's guarantee of satisfactory service woven in the salvage of every yard. Never heretofore sold for less than \$1.19 a yard. Offered tomorrow at 79c a yard.

Good quality Pins, 400 in each paper, worth 3c. Three-penny rolls of White Cotton Tape, each...

Women's Pad Hose Supporters, large pads, with four straps of fine quality suspender elastic, and patent loops and buttons. All shades. Worth 25c pair...

Geneva Silk Finished Thread, 500 yard spools, black or white...

\$1.50 Lambrequins At 98c Each

25 dozen Sateen and Royaline Crepe Lambrequins, 2 1/4 yards long, with heavy tasseled and fringed shades and ends.

Floral all-over and border effects, in red, blue, pink, yellow, and light and dark green.

Sold regularly at \$1.25 and \$1.50. Special at 98c each.

39c Crib Blankets Special at 19c

Tomorrow we will place on sale one case of Crib Blankets, with an exceptionally soft fleece finish, at a price that will warrant the purchase of at least two or three.

They are white, with pink or blue borders.

Sold regularly at 39c. Special at 19c.

Finest Grades of Playing Cards 25c Kinds Sold at 50c and 75c

A sale of the very finest quality Playing Cards, including the well-known Congress brand. Choice of a large assortment of styles, in many artistic designs, all made of the best grade celluloid finish.

We cleaned up a maker's surplus stock and obtained regular 50c and 75c Playing Cards to sell at 25c a pack. (Stationery dept., 1st floor.)

Armed Farmers Seek Robbers in Ohio

TOLEDO, Ohio, Sept. 11.—Armed farmers searched hills and thickets of Columbiana county all day today in an unsuccessful effort to capture the two robbers who entered the home of H. K. Rhoades, of West Point, yesterday afternoon and beat his wife into insensibility.

The men made an attempt to board an interurban car, it is said, but were fired upon by a farmer. They made for a nearby wood. Bloodhounds tracked them to an abandoned mine four miles away and back to the track again. There the scent was lost.

The farmers are greatly aroused by the attack, and are baying for the blood of the two robbers are caught.

Brooklyn Scratcheth, For Fleas Visiteth

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—The wicked flea whom no man pursueth has descended upon Brooklyn. All Brooklyn seems to be able to do about it is to scratch. Every half dozen years or so, about the last of August or early in September, the city is visited by an unusual number of fleas. This is one of the years.

Last week fleas were reported in unusually aggravating numbers on Riverside drive, Manhattan. Now they have crossed the bridges and have seized upon Brooklynite Housekeepers whose memory goes back to the big flea plague in 1867, say this year's horde is almost as large and has quite as powerful teeth.

All Sales Advertised in Sunday's Papers for Monday Continued for Tuesday on Account of Today's Inclement Weather

\$1.50 Imperial Longcloth, 12 yard pieces, 95c

This is the genuine "Number 100" Imperial English Longcloth, a grade you are familiar with from long use.

Full 36 inches wide, soft chamamois finish quality. Each piece warranted to contain twelve yards. Sale price, 95c piece—regularly, \$1.50.

\$3 & \$3.50 Comforts \$1.95

25 dozen Extra Large Size Bed Comforts, covered with best quality sateen, in light and dark colors; scroll-stitched quilting, filled with pure white sheet cotton.

\$10.98

LARGEST ROOM SIZE BRUSSELS RUGS; 9x12 ft. and 8 ft. 3 by 10 ft. 6; some made in one piece, others with seamed center. All perfect in every way. Hartford and Alexander Smith makes. Choice of floral, medallion and conventional designs in various color combinations. Actually worth \$16.50 and \$18.00. Sale price...

Yard-Wide Satin Messalines Regular \$1.25 Quality at 69c Yard

Every follower of fashion knows just how popular these silks will be for the coming fall and winter season, and that emphasizes the importance of tomorrow's extraordinary low pricing.

These lovely soft, rich lustered Satin Messalines are extra heavy, firm quality, and all pure silk. Full 36 inches wide, too.

Choice of a complete assortment of the shades that will be in demand, including Alice, Copenhagen, Kingsblue, Ivory, Cream, Gray, Mauve, Copper, Light Blue, Pink, Old Rose, Ashes of Rose, Lavender, Reseda, Myrtle, Brown, Golden, Nile, also Black and White. Regular \$1.25 quality at 69c a yard.

\$1.19 "Wear Guaranteed" Black Taffeta Silk, 79c

Yard-wide Black Taffeta Silk—the famous "Pennant brand," extra fine heavy grade, with rich, brilliant luster. The maker's guarantee of satisfactory service woven in the salvage of every yard. Never heretofore sold for less than \$1.19 a yard. Offered tomorrow at 79c a yard.

Good quality Pins, 400 in each paper, worth 3c. Three-penny rolls of White Cotton Tape, each...

Women's Pad Hose Supporters, large pads, with four straps of fine quality suspender elastic, and patent loops and buttons. All shades. Worth 25c pair...

Geneva Silk Finished Thread, 500 yard spools, black or white...

\$1.50 Lambrequins At 98c Each

25 dozen Sateen and Royaline Crepe Lambrequins, 2 1/4 yards long, with heavy tasseled and fringed shades and ends.

Floral all-over and border effects, in red, blue, pink, yellow, and light and dark green.

Sold regularly at \$1.25 and \$1.50. Special at 98c each.

39c Crib Blankets Special at 19c

Tomorrow we will place on sale one case of Crib Blankets, with an exceptionally soft fleece finish, at a price that will warrant the purchase of at least two or three.

They are white, with pink or blue borders.

Sold regularly at 39c. Special at 19c.

Finest Grades of Playing Cards 25c Kinds Sold at 50c and 75c

A sale of the very finest quality Playing Cards, including the well-known Congress brand. Choice of a large assortment of styles, in many artistic designs, all made of the best grade celluloid finish.

We cleaned up a maker's surplus stock and obtained regular 50c and 75c Playing Cards to sell at 25c a pack. (Stationery dept., 1st floor.)

\$1.50 Couch Covers At 98c each

200 handsome Oriental stripe Tapestry Couch Covers, 50 inches wide and 3 yards long, with tasseled fringe all around.

Colorings of green, red, blue, and brown. Regular \$1.50 value. Special at 98c each.

\$1.50 Couch Covers At 98c each

200 handsome Oriental stripe Tapestry Couch Covers, 50 inches wide and 3 yards long, with tasseled fringe all around.

Colorings of green, red, blue, and brown. Regular \$1.50 value. Special at 98c each.

\$1.50 Couch Covers At 98c each

20